

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kirk Wagoner, on January 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 153, 1/10/2017; HB 163, 1/10/2017;

**HEARING ON HB 153**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:47 Rep. Vince Ricci (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 153, Require DPHHS to seek a waiver to prohibit using SNAP benefits for energy drinks.

**EXHIBIT(huh13a01)**

00:03:01 Rep. Hill Smith joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:28 Rep. Burnett

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:10:58 Milton McKee Anderson, Montana Food Distributors Association

**EXHIBIT(huh13a02)**

00:17:21 Jamie Palagi, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**EXHIBIT(huh13a03)**

00:20:01 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network

00:21:52 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum and Convenient Store Association

00:24:08 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:51 Rep. Pierson  
 00:27:08 Rep. Burnett  
 00:27:15 Rep. Pierson  
 00:27:22 Rep. Burnett  
 00:27:29 Rep. Pierson  
 00:27:55 Rep. Hill Smith  
 00:28:09 Rep. Ricci  
 00:28:20 Sue O'Connell  
 00:28:33 Rep. Hill Smith  
 00:29:10 Rep. Ricci  
 00:29:59 Rep. Hill Smith  
 00:30:42 Rep. Ricci  
 00:31:57 Rep. Karjala  
 00:33:02 Rep. Ricci  
 00:33:09 Rep. Karjala  
 00:33:24 Rep. Ricci  
 00:33:36 Rep. Karjala  
 00:34:06 Rep. Ricci  
 00:35:05 Rep. Pierson  
 00:35:24 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS  
 00:35:59 Rep. Pierson  
 00:36:13 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS  
 00:36:41 Rep. Usher  
 00:37:09 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

00:37:45 Rep. Usher  
00:38:19 Rep. Ricci  
00:38:27 Rep. Karjala  
00:38:52 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS  
00:39:07 Rep. Karjala  
00:39:35 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS  
00:40:24 Rep. Karjala  
00:40:41 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS  
00:41:08 Chair Wagoner  
00:41:41 Rep. Ricci  
00:42:00 Chair Wagoner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:30 Rep. Ricci  
  
00:44:00 Recess  
00:53:11 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 163****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:53:30 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 163, Provide for a Montana caregiver act.

[EXHIBIT\(huh13a04\)](#)

00:58:26 Chair Wagoner

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:58:50 Tim Summers, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

[EXHIBIT\(huh13a05\)](#)

01:04:58 Bea Ann Melichar, Adult Resource Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(huh13a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh13a07\)](#)

01:09:26 Lynn Mallowney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh13a08\)](#)

01:17:18 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)

01:18:06 Laurie Miller, Self

01:19:36 Keri Yoder, American Cancer Society (ACS)

01:20:26 Chelsia Rice, Self

01:22:04 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association and American Stroke Association

01:23:25 Sandy Merdinger, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh13a099\)](#)

01:24:24 Stuart Doggett, AARP

01:25:44 Jane Amdahl, Self

01:27:53 Mike Foster, St. Vincent Health Care

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:29:21 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)  
01:32:58 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
01:33:13 Mary Runkel, St. Peter's Hospital

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:33:31 Rep. Mandeville  
01:34:24 Rep. Custer  
01:35:10 Rep. Mandeville  
01:35:30 Rep. Custer  
01:36:52 Rep. Dunwell  
01:37:25 Rep. Custer  
01:37:48 Rep. Dunwell  
01:38:00 Rep. Custer  
01:38:57 Chair Wagoner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:39:16 Rep. Custer

01:41:16 Chair Wagoner

**EXHIBIT(huh13a10)**

**EXHIBIT(huh13a11)**

**EXHIBIT(huh13a12)**

**EXHIBIT(huh13a13)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:44:03

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Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh13aad.pdf](#))